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GENERAL MARK W. CLARK

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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GENERAL CLARK:

THE PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT SENATOR JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY STATES THAT HE GAVE TO YOU YESTERDAY INFORMATION ON "ALLEGED COMMUNISM AND CORRUPTION" IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

UNDER DATE OF 7 JULY 1954 I WROTE SENATOR MCCARTHY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS REFERRING TO HIS ALLEGATIONS OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE CIA AND REQUESTING THAT HE MAKE AVAILABLE TO ME ANY EVIDENCE HE HAD IN SUPPORT OF THESE ALLEGATIONS TO PERMIT AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION THEREOF. A COPY OF THAT LETTER WAS SENT TO YOU ON 7 JULY 1954. I RECEIVED NO REPLY WHATSOEVER FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY TO THIS LETTER.

IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OF THE INFORMATION WHICH SENATOR MCCARTHY NOW STATES HE HAS TURNED OVER TO YOU CONTAINS, AS ALLEGED, ANY INDICATION OF COMMUNISM OR CORRUPTION IN THE CIA, I WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND THOROUGHLY. CERTAINLY SUCH INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT AWAIT THE REPORT OR FINDINGS OF YOUR COMMITTEE SOME MONTHS HENCE. ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN NOW.

ACCORDINGLY I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE AVAILABLE TO ME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT ANY INFORMATION IN THE MATERIAL FURNISHED YOU BY SENATOR MCCARTHY WHICH WOULD PERMIT AN IMMEDIATE AND THROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE MCCARTHY CHARGES.

FAITHFULLY YOURS,

ALLEN W. DULLES,

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

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